Area-I of MTNL Delhi, for issue of duplicate bills. The duplicate bills were sent to all.

Fax Machine at Berhampore telegraph office

856. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fac that the FAX machine at Berhampore Telegraph Office has been lying defunct for the last three months causing untold inconven ences o the general subscribers, reporters of news papers and other organisations willing to get the service; and

(b) if so, what steps are going to be taken to repair and/or replace the machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS) (SHRI SUKH RAM):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The FAX machine has been repaired on 28-11-94 and brought to service since them it is working perfectly O. K.

STD Facilities at Murshidabad in West Bengal

857. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the M nister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronic Exchanges for offering STD facilities are ready at Islampore, Jalangi, Dhulian, Aurangabad, Jiagunj and Raghunathgunj in the district of Murshidabad in West Bengal;

(b) if so, why unneessary delay is being made to pro-vide connections for such facilities to the subscribers; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):(a) Electronic Exchanges are already available at all these stations except at Jalangi.

(b) and (c) An Electronic Exchange is proposed to be installed at Jalangi during this year (1994-95).

All the above six exchanges are proposed to be linked to the S.T.D. network by March, 95 subject to the availability of resources.

Telephone exchanges in Haryana

858. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of telephone exchanges in Haryana and how many of these are electronic and since when;

(b) by when Government propose to completely convert all telephone exchanges of Haryana from conventional to electronic exchange system with details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of villages (district-wise) covered by Telephone facilities in Haryana and by when Government propose to cover the remaining villages;

(d) what are the total number of telephone connections both in rura l and urban areas in Haryana; and

(e) the expenditure likely to be incurred for provision of these facilities in Haryana ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):(a) Total number of exchanges in Haryana is 616, out of which 598 are electronic. The other details are given in the statement-I (*See* below)

(b) 2 numbers of line finder type MAX-II and 2 numbers of MAX-III strowger type exchanges are planned to be converted by 1995-96. Other electro-mechanical exchanges will be replaced after the expiry of their useful life.

(c) Total number of villages district-wise, covered by telephone facilities is given in statement-II (*see* below). Remaining villages are planned to be covered by telephone facilities by March, 1997.

(d) Total number telephone connections in Haryana is 218324 : Urban Area 180934 : Rural Area 37390.

(e) The expenditure for provision of these facilities in Haryana during 1994-95 is likely to be about Rs. 105 crores.

Statement-I

Year-wise details of installation of electronic exchanges

Sl. No.	Year	No. of electronic exchanges
1	1988-89	4
2	1989-90	35
3	1990-91	121
4	1991-92	152
5	1992-93	158
6	1993-94	102
7	1994-95 (Upto October, 94)	26
	TOTAL	598

Statement-II

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of villages covered by Telephone facility District-wise as on 31-10-94
1	Ambala	551
2	Yamuna Nagar	448
3	Karnal	182
4	Kaithal	141
5	Panipat	115
6	Kurukshetra	274
7	Rohtak	298

1	2	3
8	Bhiwani	289
9	Sonepat	275
10	Faridabad	177
11	Gurgaon	244
12	Rewari	216
13	Mohindergarh	207
14	Hissar	378
15	Sirsa	237
16	Jind	194
	TOTAL	4226

Remaining villages are plan to be covered by March 1997.

Postal Facileties in Haryana

859. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of post offices of various categories/grades in Haryana separtely and whether Government propose to upgrade/open new post offices as demanded by the public; and

(b) what are the plans for extension/modernisation of the postal facilities in Haryana with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The total number of post offices of different categories in the State of Haryana is 2584. The details of which are given below:—

Head Post Offices	15
Departmental Sub Post Offices.	447
Extra departmental sub-post offices.	14
Extra deptt. branch post offices.	2108

It is proposed to upgrade/open 12 post office under Annual Plan 1994-95 in the State of Haryana, subject to fulfilment of Departmental norms.

(b) Sixty multi-purpose counter machines have been provided in twenty post offices in the State of Haryana.

A focussed programme for modernising one post office, namely Sadar Bazar, Ambala Cantt. in Haryana has also been initiated.

A programme for supply of basic operation equipment with a view to upgrading operational efficiency in six post/mail offices namely, Panipat Head Office, Rohtak Head Office, Gurgaon Head Office, Faridabad Head Office, Haryana Sorting and Ambala RMS is also being implemented in Haryana circle in the current year

Telephone and post office facilities in Punjab

860. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Gram Panchayats in the country particularly in Punjab which have been granted facilities of telephone and post-offices;